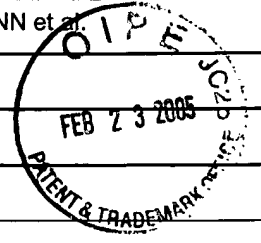


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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)</p>	Application Number: 09/904,954
	Filing Date: July 12, 2001
	First Named Inventor: M. Patricia BECKMANN et al.
	Group Art Unit: 1646
	Examiner: Mertz, Prema M.
	Attorney Docket Number: 6843.0075-01000
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. Previously submitted

 i. Consider the Amendments and Response after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 21, 2004.

 ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____

 iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed:

 i. Amendment/Reply

 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

 iii. Information Disclosure Statement

 iv. Other Supplemental Amendment

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. Other _____

3. Fees

a. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

 i. \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

 ii. Petition for _____ Month Extension of Time \$ _____

 iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed.

c. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: Rebecca B. Scarr	Reg. No.: 47,057
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith.

The RCE requests entry of the Amendments and Response filed December 21, 2004.

After entering those amendments, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.